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Applicants: Levine, et al. Docket No: 39766-0157R1C1
Serial No: 10/628,770 Group Art Unit: 1643
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Title: **POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME**
EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO.: EV 582 624 635 US
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS: AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on May 11, 2006 (Confirmation No. 5778) in connection with the above-identified patent application, setting a one-month shortened statutory term, please consider the following remarks and arguments. The present response is accompanied by a request for a two months extension of time and is therefore timely.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.